

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the drawings alleging that “The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the claimed program storage device with claimed method steps must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.” In response, Applicants have amended the drawings to add new Figure 7 without adding new matter, and Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with Figure 7.

The Examiner rejected claims 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §101, alleging that “they lack patentable utility. Claims 1-9 only claim the manipulation of data but perform no concrete, useful or tangible result.”

The Examiner rejected claims 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Examiner rejected claims 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly “being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.”

The Examiner rejected claims 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gundewar et al. (US Patent 6,381,610) in view of Noori.

In light of the amendment herein, Applicants respectfully maintain that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101, 35 U.S.C. §112, and 35 U.S.C. §103 are moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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